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CONSPIRACY JURY HEARS EX-U.S. AIDE

He Reports Bid to Achieve
Negotiations in Chicago

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CHICAGO, Jan. 19 — A former high-ranking Justice Department official testified today that the department made unsuccessful efforts to get Chicago officials to negotiate with demonstrators prior to the 1968 Democratic National Convention here.

Appearing as a witness at the Chicago conspiracy trial, Wesley A. Pomeroy said he and Roger Wilkins, another former Justice Department official, came here in July, 1968, to meet with Mayor Richard J. Daley.

Judge Julius J. Hoffman would not let Mr. Pomeroy tell the substance of their conversation with Mayor Daley on July 25, 1968.

But Mr. Pomeroy was allowed to describe a conversation he and Mr. Wilkins had later that day with Rennie Davis, one of the seven defendants who are charged with conspiracy to incite a riot during the convention.

Mr. Pomeroy said Mr. Wilkins had told Mr. Davis "we were trying to get the city to open lines of communication with the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam."

He said Mr. Wilkins had told Mr. Davis that their meeting with the Mayor was "not too successful."

Also present at the meeting, Mr. Pomeroy said, was Thomas A. Foran, the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, who is the chief Government prosecutor in the current trial.

Mr. Pomeroy recalled that Mr. Foran said he was meeting with the Mayor later that day and would try to get him to start negotiations with the Mobilization Committee.

Davis Quoted

He said Mr. Davis emphasized that the Mobilization Committee wanted peaceful demonstrations and welcomed any Federal efforts to get negotiations started with the city.

Mr. Pomeroy, who now runs a private law-enforcement con-



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URNS IN EVIDENCE IN PANTHER SLAYINGS: Francis Andrew, an attorney for the Black Panthers, with a panel from the door of a Chicago apartment where two Panther officials were killed during a raid by State's Attorney's police last month. The panel contains a hole that the police say was made by someone in the apartment firing at them. Mr. Andrew, complying with a court order, gave the panel to court officials yesterday, for use before a grand jury and a coroner's jury investigating the slayings.